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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-47 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 7-47 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

- Claims 7-47 are restricted.
- Claims 1-6 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Collaborative Gaming in Augmented Reality by Zsolt et al (hereinafter "Zsolt").

As per claim 1, Zsolt teaches an internetworked augmented reality (AR) system (fig. 1), comprising:

- a. At least one Local AR Station, manned by a local user who is viewing a local real-world scene (see fig. 1 player's client);
- b. At least one Remote Station, at least one of which is an AR Station manned by a

remote user who is viewing a remote real-world scene see fig. 1 player's client and page 196, section 3.2);

- c. A network connecting these stations (see fig. 1);
- d. Computer equipment for presenting to the local user a virtual representation of the remote user overlaid on the local real-world scene (see fig. 1 and section 4);
- e. Computer equipment for presenting to the remote user a virtual representation of the local user overlaid on the remote real-world scene (see fig. 1 and section 4 and 5.1); and
- f. Computer equipment that allows for collaboration between the local and remote users over the network, the collaboration comprising at least one of the users providing feedback to another user (see fig. 1 and section 4.1 and 4.2).

As per claim 2, Zsolt teaches the system of claim 1 wherein an AR Station is comprised of at least:

- a. A computing system; An AR display system, and A tracking system (see fig. 1 and section 3.2)

As per claim 3, Zsolt teaches the system of claim 1 wherein a Non-AR Station is comprised of at least: a. A computing system (fig. 1)

As per claim 4, Zsolt teaches the system of claim 1 wherein the network is selected from the group of networks consisting of a local area network (LAN), a wide area network (WAN), a wireless network, and the Internet (fig. 1).

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As per claim 5, Zsolt teaches the system of claim 3 wherein a Non-AR Station computing system is selected from the group of computing systems consisting of a PC, web server, database server, and high-performance computer (HPC) (see gaming server in fig. 1).

As per claim 6, Zsolt teaches the system of claim 3 wherein there is equipment allowing a human to use at least one Station in addition to the required Local AR Station (see fig. 1 and section 3.2 and 5.1)

Conclusion

The prior made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yasin Barqadle whose telephone number is 571-272-3947. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Burgess can be reached on 571-272-3949. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9306 for regular communications and 703-746-7238 for After Final communications.

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